Village of Malcolm

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Dear Malcolm Residents:

EVERYONE'S TIME IS VALUABLE – PLEASE DO YOUR PART!!!

As a small community, it is important for everyone to play a role in keeping our village safe, keeping it clean and keeping it running smoothly. Over the course of the last few months, it has become apparent that there are a few areas of opportunity for us to review and improve upon in order to keep our residents and visitors happy.

The village board & the village clerk have received various informal complaints about differing topics surrounding our community & its residents. Some of the key areas of feedback have centered on the following topics:

• Pet Ownership

- o If you take on the responsibility of owning a dog, it must be licensed and maintain current rabies vaccinations.
- o Cleaning up after your pet during walks
- Ensuring your pet is properly fenced during the day to avoid them escaping and running around town, requiring others to chase down and return them to your home.

Yard Maintenance

• When mowing your yard, find a proper place to dispose of your clippings. Clippings should not be sprayed or dumped into the street. This is dangerous for motorcycles, bikes and kids trying to stop turn or maneuver. It can also lead to clogged storm sewers and cause grass to start growing in the streets.

• Recycling Center

- o This center is a benefit to the Village of Malcolm.
- Please do not leave your cardboard boxes or trash next to the recycling center containers. This requires someone else to clean it up and/or dispose of your trash.
- o This increases the cost of the service and could result in the service being removed for all to use.

• Golf Carts and ATV's

- Ensuring all proper state and local codes are followed and, that no golf carts are driven on any sidewalks within the Village
- Keeping a clear sidewalk in the front of your home for pedestrians to walk on, i.e. vehicles, snow, hedges, tree branches.

Due to the high volume of feedback & complaints being provided to members of the Village Board & the Village Clerk via informal conversation & direct calls, The Board is implementing a new "Complaint/Concern form." In order to raise a complaint or concern to the Village Board, please complete the attached form and The Village Board will review and handle per the Malcolm Village codes at their next scheduled meeting.

Village Board meetings as well as the Planning Commission meetings are opened to the public. Your input is very important to the continued growth and everyday concerns of the Village. The Board cannot help with any problems that might arise within the Village unless you raise the problems or concerns to the Board. The Village Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Malcolm Planning Commission meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings are held at the Village Hall located at 137 E. 2nd Street, Malcolm, NE.

WINTER IS COMING!

As always, please ensure that all vehicles, boats, campers and trailers are stored away properly.

Please do not park directly across from another vehicle, as it is difficult to get the snow plow between the vehicles. It is also a safety concern for emergency vehicles to get through.

The Village policy for snow removal is the following: Plowing will begin once there is 3" of snow on the ground. Please remember, it may take a while to get from one end of the town to the other, but plowing will begin once 3" accumulates on the roads.

Please have sidewalks cleared per Malcolm Municipal Code 8-203:

8-203 Sidewalks; Kept Clean. It shall be unlawful for the occupant of any lot or lots, or the owner of any vacant lot or lots, within the corporate limits to allow snow, sleet, mud, ice, or other substance to accumulate on the sidewalks, or to permit any snow, sleet, ice, mud, or other substance to remain upon said sidewalk. All sidewalks shall be cleaned within five (5) hours after the cessation of a storm, unless the storm, or fall of snow, shall have taken place during the night, in which case the sidewalk shall be cleaned before eight-thirty (8:30) a.m. the following day. (Ref. Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-557)

If you have a fire hydrant nearby, please help out by scooping around it to make it easier and faster for the Malcolm Fire Department to hook on if needed.

The Malcolm Village Board